## THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA In The Supreme Court

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## APPEAL FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Appellate Case No. 2020-000266

Public Service Commission Docket No. 2017-292-WS

In Re: Application of Carolina Water Service, Inc. for an Approval of an Increase in Its Rates for Water and Sewer Services

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## MOTION TO EXTEND DEADLINE FOR THE INITIAL BRIEF AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER OF ANY RESPONDENT

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Respondent South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS"), with the consent of Appellant Carolina Water Service, Inc. ("CWS"), hereby moves, pursuant to South Carolina Appellate Court Rule 240, to extend by thirty (30) days the deadline for Initial Briefs and Designations of Matter of any Respondent in this matter. This is the first request for an extension by ORS.

CWS filed its Notice of Appeal on February 19, 2020, and its Initial Brief was due June 18, 2020. CWS was granted an extension until July 8, 2020, to file its Initial Brief. CWS filed its Initial Brief and Designation of Matter on July 8, 2020. ORS intends to file a response brief. The deadline for the Initial Brief and Designation of Matter of any Respondent is currently August 7, 2020.

Due to other professional matters and obligations and long-standing family vacation plans of counsel for ORS involved in the appeal, additional time is needed to prepare the Initial Brief and Designation of Matter. No party will be prejudiced by a thirty-day extension. Granting of the thirty (30) day extension will mean any Respondent's Initial Brief and Designation of Matter in response to the Initial Brief of CWS must be served and filed by September 7, 2020.

For the reasons set forth herein, ORS respectfully requests an extension until September 7, 2020, for filing and service of any Respondent's Initial Brief and Designation of Matter in response to the Initial Brief of CWS. Counsel for Appellant CWS consents to the requested extension.

ORS also requests that all deadlines be stayed pending resolution of this Motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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